

Senate File 2103 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the establishment of a cold case
2 investigation unit within the department of public safety.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 80.31 Cold case investigation unit.

2 1. A state cold case investigation unit is created under
3 the control, direction, and supervision of the commissioner.
4 The commissioner may assign the cold case investigation unit
5 to a division or bureau within the department. The unit
6 shall, within the capabilities of the unit, conduct criminal
7 investigations after an initial criminal investigation has been
8 completed by the law enforcement agency conducting the initial
9 criminal investigation. The unit shall focus on investigations
10 related to unsolved murders, missing children, and missing
11 adults presumed to be deceased.

12 2. The department shall adopt rules in accordance with
13 chapter 17A to administer this section.

14 EXPLANATION

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 This bill establishes a cold case investigation unit within
18 the department of public safety.

19 The bill provides that the commissioner of public safety
20 may assign the cold case investigation unit to a division or
21 bureau within the department. Under the bill, the cold case
22 investigation unit shall, within the capabilities of the unit,
23 conduct criminal investigations after an initial criminal
24 investigation has been completed by the law enforcement agency
25 conducting the initial criminal investigation. The bill
26 specifies that the unit shall focus on investigations related
27 to unsolved murders, missing children, and missing adults
28 presumed to be deceased.

29 The bill provides that the department of public safety shall
30 adopt rules to administer the provisions of the bill.